

**Hartford Public Library
Programs for Children, Teens, and Families
January 2015**

**Downtown Library
500 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103**

For information on Downtown Library Youth Services programs, call 860.695.6330

Teens

Red Carpet Reads: Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 12 and up. Teen Book Club is back starring book nominees for the 2015 Youth Media Awards, Category: YA Books. Glam up your favorite teen book in our star studded display, share your winning predictions, and talk about books!

Downtown Library – Children's Library, Monday, January 19, 4:00 p.m.

Students

Homework Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays-Thursdays, January 5-29, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Melting Snowman: Education (Downtown)

Ages 8 and up. Stop by the library and enjoy various books about snowmen. Then make a melting snowman craft to remind you that spring is near.

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturday, January 10, 2:30 p.m.

Ducktivity: Life Skills (Downtown)

Ages 10 and up; learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, January 12, 4:00 p.m.

Jolly Postman Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun story time all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, January 22, 4:00 p.m.

National Soup Day: Educational (Downtown)

Ages 5 and up. Read Stone Soup by Marcia Brown and make your own Stone Soup recipe and picture collage!

Downtown – Children's Library, Monday, January 26, 4:30 p.m.

Parent/Child Book Club: Education (Downtown)

Ages 6-10 with adults. Join us to talk about some great award-winning children's picture books reflecting on themes such as fairness, greed, and courage. Our first book will be *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka. This group will meet once a month at the library.

Downtown – Youth Program Room, Wednesday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Children and Families**Every Child Ready to Read Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)**

Ages birth-5, with adult friends. An interactive program based on the five practices of the Every Child Ready To Read Initiative – Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing. Listen to stories, learn finger plays, sing songs, play games and make a craft to take home!

Downtown – Children's Library, Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10:30 a.m.

First Friends Play Group: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages birth–5, with adult friends. Our play and picture book areas are reserved for you! Share toys, books and music while your child meets other children.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays, January 5 and 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Snowflakes Story Times: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5, with a parent/caregiver. Enjoy seasonal rhymes, songs, finger plays, book-based activities, and - as always - the best in children's books! Individuals welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-6330.

Downtown – Children's Library, Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10:00 a.m.

Itty Bitty Babies: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages: Newborn – 12 months with adults. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time!

NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

Downtown – Children's Library, Wednesdays, January 7, and February 11, 11:30am -12:00 pm.

Family Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-8, with adult friends. Bring your family to the library on Saturday to hear stories from the best in children's illustrated books, sing songs, share rhymes, and make a craft!

Downtown – Children's Library, Saturdays, January 10 and 31, 11:30 a.m.

Music Enrichment: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 18 months – 5 with adults. Join us for a before and after stretching routine, songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

Downtown – Children's Library, Thursday, January 15 and 22, 10:45 -11:15 a.m.

Winter Wonderland Story Time: Early Literacy (Downtown)

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Enjoy winter stories, rhymes, and finger plays.

Downtown – Children's Library, Mondays, January 19 and 26, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Albany Branch
1250 Albany Avenue
Hartford, CT 06112
For information on Albany Branch programs,
call 860.695.7380

Drop-in Craft: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. We provide the supplies. You and your child supply the creativity.

Albany Branch, Saturdays, January 3, 10, 17, and 31, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Homework Help: Education (Albany)

Grades K and up. Stop by after school to get help with your homework. Children under eight years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Albany Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 7 – 29, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.

Rock Band: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Practice your musical skills by playing the Wii version of Rock Band. Rock on!

Albany Branch, Monday, January 5, 2:00 p.m.

Winter Wonderland Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Come enjoy winter stories, rhymes, and finger plays. Groups please register in advance.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Hour of Code: Technology (Albany)

Ages 13-18. Join a global movement called Hour of Code to learn how computers work and think. Bring your own device or share what we have and learn computer code with Angry Birds, Popcorn, or Scratch!

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 8, 5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 9, 3:30 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Play board games with others your age, including Jenga, Monopoly, Life, and Disney Scene It?

Albany Branch, Monday, January 12, 5:00 p.m.

Winter Scavenger Hunt: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Come try your hand at our winter scavenger hunt challenge.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

Kindle Club: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Stop in for our Kindle Book Club. Take turns reading from our e-book of the month and discuss the plot and characters.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.

Jolly Postman Storytime: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun storytime all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 15, 6:00 p.m.

M&M Math: Education (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Brush up on your math by using these tasty candies!

Albany Branch, Friday, January 16, 4:00 p.m.

Jewelry Hour: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and Up. Make a bracelet or necklace to keep or give to a friend.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

Reading Hour: Education (Albany)

Ages 7 and up. Stop by for brownies while we take turns reading from the book of the month.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 21, 5:00 p.m.

Teen Book Club: Education (Albany)

Ages 13-18. Calling all teens! Come join our monthly book club and discuss the book of the month while enjoying a slice of pizza.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 22, 5:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 8 and up. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family and friends.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 23, 3:30 p.m.

Itty Bitty Babies: Early Literacy (Albany)

Birht-24 months with caregivers. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat and nap time! NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

Albany Branch, Saturday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.

Play-Doh Creations: Early Literacy (Albany)

Ages 3 and up. Use your imagination to build a Play-Doh masterpiece.

Albany Branch, Monday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.

Lego Mania: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 5 and up. Design, build, and explore with Legos. See what you can build with our Lego sets.

Albany Branch, Tuesday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.

Early Reader's Book Club: Education (Albany)

Ages 4-9. Join us while we read a classic early reader story and make a fun craft. Light refreshments will be served.

Albany Branch, Wednesday, January 28, 5:00 p.m.

Ductivity: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

Ages 10 and up. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad or your own personal bank account, a homemade wallet is durable, creative, and flat-out cool.

Albany Branch, Thursday, January 29, 5:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee: Arts & Entertainment (Albany)

All ages. Come watch a movie and enjoy a snack with your family.

Albany Branch, Friday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

**Barbour Branch
259 Barbour Street
Hartford, CT 06120**

For information on Barbour Branch programs, call 860.695.7400.

Homework Help: Education (Barbour)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy a snack and complete your homework assignments with us.

Barbour Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 5-30, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Wordplay Project: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5. "Word Play," – This innovative story time program mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs) from age two to five.

Barbour Branch, Mondays, January 5, and 26, 10:00 a.m.

Winter Wonderland Story Time: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Come enjoy winter stories, rhymes and finger plays. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7402.

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.

Creative Play: Early Literacy (Barbour)

Ages 3-5 months with caregivers. Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games, and music. Receive activity tips on Reading, Writing, Talking, Singing/Rhyming, and Playing.

Barbour Branch, Thursdays January 15 and 22, 10:00 a.m.

Knitting For Winter: Life Skills (Barbour)

All ages. Learn to knit a scarf, hat, or hair band for the cold winter.

Barbour Branch, Fridays, January 2, 9, 23 and 30, 4:30 p.m.

Ducktivity: Life Skills (Barbour)

Ages 10 and up. Learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative, and flat-out cool.

Barbour Branch: Monday, January 5, 4:30 pm

Child's Play: Entertainment (Barbour)

All ages. You're invited to spend time playing and discovering with Lego sets, Lincoln logs, magnetic gears and many other activities!

Barbour Branch, Tuesdays, January 6, 20 and 27, 4:00 p.m.

Hands on Science: Education (Barbour)

Ages 8 and up. Experiment with magnets, learn about weight distribution in bridge building, and find out what causes cut fruits and veggies to go brown.

Barbour Branch, Wednesdays, January 7, 21 and 28, 4:30 p.m.

Get Money Wise @ Your Library through Budgeting: Education (Barbour)

Ages 6 and up. Join us for a budgeting program centered on developing a family meal. Learn to plan a menu for a set number of people, judge the best choice, and then a couple of days later, enjoy the meal!

Barbour Branch, Thursdays, January 8 and 22 4:00 p.m.

Sandscapes: Art (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Create landscapes using colored sand as an art medium. All completed sandscapes win prizes and will be displayed in the library!

Barbour Branch, Tuesday, January 13, 4:00 p.m.

A Range of Reads: Education (Barbour)

Ages 7 and up. Browse through a range of youth magazines, pick an article to read, and share with the group of participants. Participation can earn you a prize.

Barbour Branch, Thursday, January 15, 4:30 p.m.

**Camp Field Branch
30 Campfield Avenue
Hartford, CT 06114**

For information on Camp Field Branch programs, call 860.695.7440

Winter Wonderland Story Time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Come to enjoy winter stories, rhymes, and finger plays. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7443.

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, January 6, 20, 27 10:00 a.m.

Music Enrichment: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 18 months – 5 with adults. Join us for a before and after stretching routine, songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

Camp Field Branch Mondays, January 12 and 26, 10:30 a.m.

Jolly Postman Story time: Early Literacy (Camp Field)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun story time all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Camp Field Branch, Thursday, January 15, 6:00 p.m.

Hat Day: Life Skills (Camp Field)

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? Celebrate National Hat Day by wearing your favorite hat to the library and create a silly hat out of paper. National Hat Day is to wear and enjoy a hat of your choice and style. There's one to fit every size head and personality. Hats are used to make a statement, or to promote a cause or a product. Let's find out why you wear your hat.

Camp Field Branch, Wednesdays, January 7 and 14, 4:00 p.m.

National Soup Day: Educational (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Read the wonderful story Stone Soup by Marcia Brown. Make your own recipe of Stone soup and a collage picture of what your soup looks like!

Camp Field Branch, Tuesday, January 20, 3:45 p.m.

Ducktivity: Life Skills (Camp Field)

Ages 10 and up; learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Camp Field Branch, Monday, January 26 3:30 pm

Cold Winter, Hot Drinks Educational (Camp Field)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy the story The Twelve Days of Winter, by Rosa Deborah Lee, and a warm drink.

Camp Field Branch, Friday, 16, 30 3:30 p.m.

Homework Club: Education

Educational Ages 5 and up. Fall back into great homework habits with a trip to the library. Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities to get you started. Homework supplies provided.

Camp Field Branch, Mondays-Thursdays, January 5-30, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

**Goodwin Branch
460 New Britain Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106**

For information on Goodwin Branch programs, call 860.695.7480

ITTY BITTY BABIES: Early Literacy

Ages: Newborn – 12 months with adults. Join us for nursery rhymes, songs, cuddles and books appropriate for the youngest of the young. Learn how to introduce your child to words and language by incorporating songs into all your routines such as bath time, diaper changes, getting into the car seat, and nap time!

NOTE: Please bring a small blanket to lay your child on.

Goodwin Branch Library, Thursday, January 8, 12:30 -1:30 pm.

MUSIC ENRICHMENT: Early Literacy

Ages 18 months – 5 with adults. Join us for a before and after stretching routine, songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

Goodwin Branch Library, Monday, January 12, 12:30 -1:15 pm

WINTER WONDERLAND STORY TIME: Early Literacy

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Come to enjoy winter stories, rhymes and finger plays. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7480

Goodwin Branch Library, Tuesday, January 13, 10:30 AM

NATIONAL SOUP DAY: Educational

Ages 5 and up. Read the wonderful story *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown. Kids will make their own recipe of stone soup and a collage picture of their soup.

Goodwin Branch Library, Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 pm

JOLLY POSTMAN STORYTIME: Early Literacy

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun story time all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Goodwin Branch Library, Thursday, January 15, 6:00 pm

PARENT/CHILD BOOK CLUB: Education

Ages 6-10 with adults. Join us to talk about some great award-winning children's picture books reflecting on themes such as fairness, greed, and courage. Our first book will be **The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka. This group will meet once a month at the library.

Goodwin Branch Library, Tuesday, January 20, 5:00 p.m.

DUCKTIVITY: Life Skills

Ages 10 and up; learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Goodwin Branch Library: Tuesday January 26 4:30 pm

**Mark Twain Branch
55 Forest Street
Hartford, CT 06105**

For information on Mark Twain Branch programs, call 860.695.7540

Happy New Year Storytime: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a celebration of the New Year with lively songs and stories!

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, January 5, 6:00 p.m.

Hartford Otaku Manga Club: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Happy New Year Hartford Otaku! Join us for lively conversation and fun activities that explore Asian languages and cultures and of course, manga! Follow us on Instagram @hartfordotaku.

Mark Twain Branch, Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, 3:00 p.m.

Red Carpet Reads: Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 14 and up. Teen Book Club is back starring book nominees for the 2015 Youth Media Awards, Category: YA Books. Glam up your favorite teen book in our star studded display, share your winning predictions, and let's talk books!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, January 9, 3:00 p.m.

Jolly Postman Storytime: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun storytime all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, January 12, 6:00 p.m.

OpenIT: Technology (Mark Twain)

Ages: 8 and up. Learn about free information tools and resources on the internet that can help you become a successful 21st century learner, now and in the future!

Mark Twain Branch, Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, 4:00 p.m.

Icicle Inspiration: Life Skills (Mark Twain)

Ages 12 and up. Learn techniques to help stay focused and positive about yourself and your life goals with a cool crafty inspiration wire!

Mark Twain Branch, Friday, January 16, 3:00 p.m.

Digital Snowflakes: Early Literacy (Mark Twain)

Ages 3-5 with parent/caregiver. Join us for a snowy storytime with print and digital stories with a special snowflake activity to light up the winter!

Mark Twain Branch, Monday, January 26, 6:00 p.m.

Park Branch
744 Park Street
Hartford CT 06106
For information on Park Branch programs,
call 860-695.7501

Homework Help: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Winter winds can't keep you from great homework habits and a great trip to the library! Drop in after school for homework help and fun activities for the holidays. Homework supplies provided.

Park Branch, Monday-Friday, January 2- 30, 3:00 p.m.

Seasonal Activity Sheets: Education (Park Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy doing activity sheets about snow, Martin Luther King Jr., snowflake, snowman and other winter themes.

Park Branch, Monday, January 5, 12, 26, 3:45 p.m.

Dia De Los Reyes: Education

Ages 5 and up. Enjoy coloring a crown on Three Kings Day and learn about this cultural holiday through books.

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 6, 1:00 p.m.

Get Money Wise @ Your Library: Life Skills (Park Branch)

Ages 8 and up. Join us for fun financial literacy activities sure to make you money wise!

Park Branch, Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00 p.m.

Game Day: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun playing Jenga, Sorry, Trouble, and other board games.

Park Branch, Fridays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:30 p.m.

"WordPlay": Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages 2 to 5, with Parents/Childcare Providers. Innovative story time program that mixes vocabulary, word play, cultural literacy, and creative play to improve school readiness skills and increase parent/caregiver engagement of English Language Learners (ELLs).

Park Branch, Tuesday, January 13, 20, 27, 10:00 a.m.

Babytime, Toddlertime, Preschooltime: Early Literacy (Park Branch)

Ages. Infant- 5. Story & Creative Play - Join us in our Creative Play Center to explore the components of Every Child Ready to Read® (ECRR). Share special books, educational toys, finger games, music and take home activities to support early literacy skills.

Park Branch, Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00 a.m.

Get Crafty: Arts & Entertainment (Park Branch)

Ages 7 and up. Have fun getting very crafty with snowflakes, penguins, snowmen and other wintery themes.

Park Branch, Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, 4:00 p.m.

**Ropkins Branch
1750 Main Street
Hartford, Ct 06120**

For information on Ropkins Branch Programs call 860-695-7520

Music Enrichment: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 18 months – 5 with adults. Join us for a before and after stretching routine, songs, dance, and a lot of constant movement.

Ropkins Branch, Monday, January 12 and 26, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Winter Wonderland Story Time: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 3-5 with an adult care provider. Come enjoy winter stories, rhymes and finger plays. Individual families welcome without registration; groups, please register in advance by calling 860-695-7402.

Ropkins Branch, Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 a.m.

National Soup Day: Educational (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 5 and up. Read Stone Soup by Marcia Brown and make your own Stone Soup recipe and picture collage!

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 p.m.

Hat Day: Life Skills (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Isn't it great that hats come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and styles? There Celebrate National Hat Day by wearing your favorite hat to the library and create a silly hat out of paper. There's one to fit every size head and personality.

Ropkins Branch, Thursday, January, 15, 4:00 p.m.

Jolly Postman Storytime: Early Literacy (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 6 and up. Celebrate National Letter Writing Week with a fun storytime all about letters. Enjoy the literary antics of the Jolly Postman, and write a letter to your favorite character.

Ropkins Branch, Wednesday, January 21, 4:00 p.m.

Ducktivity: Life Skills (Ropkins Branch)

Ages 10 and up; learn how to make a duct tape wallet. Whether it's a gift for Dad, or your own personal bank account, a homemade, colorful duct tape wallet is durable, creative and flat-out cool.

Ropkins Branch: Tuesday, January 26, 4:00 p.m.